

FREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN**17 AUGUST 2006****APPROVED 08/24/2006**

The Board's meeting came to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Peter Bolduc, and Donald Gates Jr; Town Administrator Heidi Carlson, and Police Chief Neal Janvrin.

Selectmen reviewed the agenda and discussed some family issues.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the minutes for August 10, 2006. Motion was made to approve them by Bolduc and seconded by Gates. The vote was approved 2-0-1 with Cordes abstaining as he was not at the meeting.

Carlson provided the Board an update of information from Shawn Senter to follow-up the Board's letter sent about Kingman Court. Senter agreed that there was at least one area of the cul-de-sac that needed to be fixed, and that he would also work on some of the rocks and bring in some more loam. He also is planning to hydroseed the work in late September. At this point, Senter will do the work and the Selectmen and Guerwood Holmes will review it upon completion.

Selectmen asked Carlson to update the Road Agent on this matter when he returns to work next week.

In follow-up to the Budget Committee meeting, Neal Janvrin indicated that he is the Deputy Town Moderator and has been sworn in as such. Chief Janvrin was asked for information on the Budget Committee lines which are overspent, so that information can be reported back to the Committee.

At 7:00 pm the only Department Head present was Neal Janvrin, who had a legal matter to discuss with the Board. Motion was made by Bolduc to enter non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A 3 II (e) to discuss a legal matter. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

The Board met with Janvrin until a motion was made to return to public session at 7:10 pm by Gates. Bolduc seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0. No decisions were made.

2. The Glen Oakes Program is being finished up by Janice O'Brien and will be printed for the Dedication on August 26th. There may need to be some reconsideration of the nature walk, or shortening it, due to the mosquito testing results. The press release was sent to Janice O'Brien for information as well.

3.. Carlson further discussed the voting improvements at Fremont Safety Complex in response to the State's letter from the 2004 primary. There are some questions not re-addressed by the State, but Fremont has done everything to be in compliance aside from some crack sealing in the parking lot and moving of the generator fence. This was discussed while Chief Janvrin was present and felt by all that the work should be done even if voting is to be moved as it is an access issue. Selectmen indicated that this work can proceed and Dick Rand has a plan in mind to remedy it already.

4. Selectmen again considered a bond reduction for Coopers Forest. The Planning Board has approved it, and Vollmer Associates had indicated it is appropriate, and all of their engineering fees have been paid to date. Selectmen recommended the reduction conditional on a positive inspection and recommendation from the Road Agent when he returns next week.

5. Carlson provided some information passed on from Thom Roy regarding the fire / rescue combination committee updates. The committee has scheduled time on the Selectmen's agenda next week at 7:30 pm and Chief Heselton has been asked to attend as well.

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6. Selectmen reviewed an abatement follow-up memo from the assessor on parcel 07-117. With the additional information, motion was made by Bolduc to grant the abatement in the amount of \$23,300 due to wetlands and topography issues. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

7. Abatement recommendations

07-022	Robert & Barbara Hood	10 Tibbetts Road	Approved
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Changes made to reflect corrections to the assessment with a reduction in value of \$24,600.

03-169.028	Vincent & Sarah O'Connor	10 Grapevine Drive	Denied
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Homeowners concern about year built has been addressed, but would not allow assessor in for an inspection. The error has been fixed but the abatement was denied based on no interior inspection.

All of these abatement forms were signed in the appropriate locations.

8. Selectmen further discussed the issue of values for Tibbetts Road properties given the substantial flood damage on May 14, 2006. Several homes have been demolished and many others are not livable. The Selectmen discussed this at length given the Board's general practice of providing for residents who may have been damaged by fire outside of the beginning of the tax year. (For example if a house burns to the ground on April 15th, it is legally taxable for the year, as it stood on April 1, but the family obviously has no viable use of the structure, and grounds for an abatement once they are issued a tax bill).

The Board discussed this at length, to be fair to any property owner who has had substantial damage. It was decided that the list of residents with flood damage would be reviewed (for the homes not livable following the flood) and adjusted as necessary by the assessors, considering the timing of the flood and viability of their buildings.

9. Selectmen reconsidered a conditional abatement discussed in April 2006 for JB Stevens for parcel 02-063 on Danville Road for which Stevens family has not recorded deed from the Town. Given the length of time for resolution to the matter, the Board agreed to revoke the conditional abatement (signed 04/20/06) and charge the interest she owed for mailing the payment late. The Board further directed that Ms Stevens be sent a letter and given a date and time to meet with the Board to discuss the outstanding deed issue with this property.

10. Selectmen again discussed the Seacoast Farms operation with regard to a letter the Planning Board has sent asking for a cease and desist to be issued as no existing conditions and management plan has been received and the wetlands delineation information has not been submitted.

Selectmen discussed this in conjunction with the pending legal issues being handled between Mr Kelly's attorney and the Town's attorney. The Board wanted to contact the NH DES and ask for a meeting with Mr Kemp, Thom Roy, and the Town's attorney to see where this matter is headed in terms of the DES handling compliance matters as well as potential wetlands violations at the site. Selectmen would like to ask the State what their goals are for the operations at the site and what their strategy is to meet those goals. Carlson will speak with Attorney Ryan about this matter and see how to proceed.

11. More Scribner Road information was received in a letter from Matthew Thomas, primarily referencing the Town History, and providing some further follow-up to the research with information he had on file.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Carlson advised the Board that the State of NH DHHS called this afternoon to notify town officials that a EEE positive mosquito pool had been identified in Fremont. The sample was collected on August

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10th and tested by the State yesterday, resulting today in a positive notification. The Health Officer and Deputy have been notified and Selectmen discussed at length a press release of information to get out to residents. One was drafted this evening and will be distributed and placed on the Town's website yet tonight.

The State officials indicated Fremont is doing a good job at monitoring and surveillance and should continue to do so. They stressed not panicking about the situation and to urge individuals to be vigilant about their safety and personal protection. If further positive pools are identified, the State suggested the town may need to consider other measures, such as spraying.

2. Selectmen reviewed and approved the accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$14,248.02.
3. Selectmen reviewed and approved the September Newsletter with the understanding that new information and the press release regarding EEE, dated today, would be added to it. This is a double issue due to the amount of information.
4. Selectmen signed a new Deputy Warden Appointment form for David Barker, with the recommendation and signature of the Fire Chief / Forest Fire Warden Richard Heselton.
5. Veteran Credits Reviewed:
 Qualified and Approved:
 John and Margaret MacDougall 19 Shirkin Road 06-011.001.032
 Not Qualified and therefore Denied:
 Russell & Cassandra Powers 78 Leavitt Road 06-022.007
 Michael Provost 27 Midnight Sun Drive 05-004.009
6. Selectmen reviewed a letter from Jen Jaquith regarding a transfer of funds from the field trip line to the bus rental line to cover an overage in busses due to elevated fuel costs. Selectmen were pleased this had been brought in to them, and asked for the figure to be brought forward once the final bills for the program are tallied. They agreed that the budget line item transfer request was in order.
7. The Budget Committee met on Monday August 14, 2006. Their next meeting is scheduled for Monday October 23, 2006. Town departments have been advised to submit budgets by September 1, 2006 and appointments are being made for work sessions with the Board.
8. Bids were due on August 11, 2006 for the September 23, 2006 and Spring 2007 (date TBD) Bulky Days for dumpster rental. Three qualified bids were received by the due date and were opened this evening. These included:

Casella Waste Services	\$350.00
Haul-Away Inc	\$275.00
Waste Management of NH	\$135.00

Motion was made by Bolduc and seconded by Gates to accept the low bid of Waste Management Inc in the amount of \$135.00 per dumpster.

Lori Holmes had earlier cancelled her appointment with the Board to follow-up on salary and timesheet issues. She will reschedule and include the discussion with her 2007 budget proposal.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Carlson discussed with the Board follow-up information regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program from the NH Office of Emergency Management. In speaking at length with the NH Hazard Mitigation Officer Dick Verville, this program does not fund items related to dams or dam structures. Carlson discussed some of the maintenance items that could be covered by the program (such as the other culvert on Scribner closer to Abbott), but it does not appear that the project would be eligible in terms of the sluiceway or other water retaining structures. Additionally the ownership issue would have to be addressed ahead of any application.

NEXT WEEK

MS-1 preparation work continues, and the form needs to be signed by Board members next Thursday, or voted and signed prior to submission on September 1st, as there is no Board meeting on August 31, 2006.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday August 24, 2006 at 6:00 pm. There is no regular Board meeting on Thursday August 31, 2006.

With no further business, motion was made by Bolduc to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator